



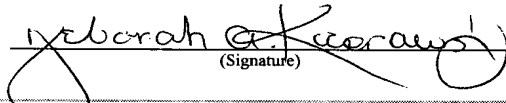
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: ELBOW STACK  
Appl. No.: 10/825,385  
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Examiner: Nguyen, Phuongchi T.  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified patent application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the Issue Fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

☐ Other \_\_\_\_

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b. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (8 pages).

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).

☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as<br>Amended | Previously<br>Paid For | Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate       | Fee Totals |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e):                                     |                      |                        |                         | \$790.00   | = \$790.00 |
| Total Claims:  | 17                   | - 20                   | = 0                     | x \$50.00  | = \$0.00   |
| Independents   | 3                    | - 3                    | = 0                     | x \$200.00 | = \$0.00   |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                      |                        |                         | + \$360.00 | = \$0.00   |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                      |                        |                         |            | = \$790.00 |

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|                          |   |            |   |          |
|--------------------------|---|------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the first month:      | \$120.00   | 0 | \$0.00   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,590.00 |   | \$0.00   |
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|                          | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:                                   |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -                             |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL                                       |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                           |            |   | \$790.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):            |            |   | \$0.00   |
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|                          | TOTAL FEE:  |            |   | \$790.00 |

- ☒ Check No. 16033 in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 10-13-05

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